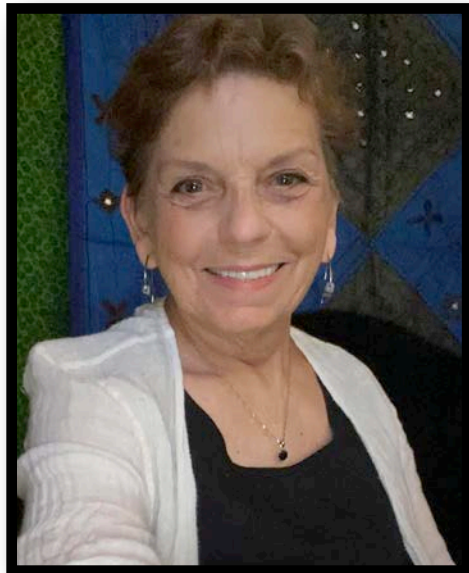




FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello my friends,

The year 2023 is fully underway and it has had an excellent start with storytelling. Storytellers from Missouri and beyond met in Nevada, MO for the 30th Annual Chicken Festival with River and Prairie Storyweavers as host. Thanks to the festival, MO-TELL was able to hold its annual membership meeting at the same time and place, yay!

At the meeting, our new board member, Jackie Wright, was introduced. She will be serving as treasurer this year. Our membership has increased this year. Our rolls include several Lifetime members. I love that. We are storytellers for life.

This month stories will be told in honor of the US Presidents, Black History and Valentines Day, just to name a few. And so the stories of love and history continue. There will be many storytelling festivals this year and so many of them will be in person. The next one in Missouri is the MRRL Storytelling Festival in Jefferson City, MO, in March, produced by the library.

George Owens Nature Center will feature storytellers for their Campfire Series beginning in March and running through the Fall. The big Tejas Storytelling Festival is in March in Denton, TX. The Kansas Storytelling Festival in Downs, KS is coming up in April. Do not forget the Liars Contest with MO-TELL in St. Louis, MO in July. St. Louis will hold their festival in the Fall.

Libraries all over the country will invite storytellers to tell for their summer reading programs. Missouri state parks are gearing up for another year of storytelling all over our beautiful state.

Watch for the announcements of all these events. Storytelling is everywhere.

Please keep telling your tales.

Love to you all,

Joyce Slater

President of MO-TELL

“Every great love starts with a great story . . .”

- Nicholas Sparks,

American writer/novelist,
in The Notebook

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A new free E-Publication the 15th of each month

While you explore, consider submitting stories, articles, poems, and art.



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MO-TELL BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Jackie Wright

"NOT ONLY IS JACKIE WRIGHT AN EXCELLENT, ACCOMPLISHED STORYTELLER, SHE IS A VERY HARD WORKER. HER SUPPORT FOR NSN HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY, ALWAYS PROMOTING MO-TELL AND MISSOURI AS A GREAT STATE FOR THE ART OF STORYTELLING. WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE JACKIE AS OUR TREASURER!"

PERRIN STIFEL, EMERITUS BOARD MEMBER.

Hi! I am Jackie Wright. I have been a storyteller since 1995. I live in University City, MO in St. Louis County. I was on the St. Louis Storytelling Festival Planning Committee for many years until the St. Louis County Library System became its home in 2022. I am a member of River and Prairie Storyweavers and St. Louis Gateway Storytellers, as well as MO-Tell. I have been a member of the National Storytelling Network (NSN) since 1998. As Missouri State Liaison for NSN, I provide a vital link between NSN and its Missouri members.

As a lifetime member of MO-Tell and past Vice-President, I feel that a member should be an active participant when they have the time, and when given the opportunity to be more involved.

So when the call came from Sue Hinkel saying that her term was up as treasurer and she asked if I would consider the position, I said yes. The board accepted my nomination, so I am happy to be your new treasurer and board member.

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FOR YOUR FRIDGE

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HERE

STORIES, GATHERINGS, AND STORY GATHERINGS
AROUND OUR FAIR STATE.

RAPS FEBRUARY 2023

RAPS Meetings for February 2023 for MO-TELL Newsletter.

Thursday February 2, 2023, 7:00 pm First
Thursday Meeting
Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND on
Zoom

Workshop: “Adding Humor to Your Story”
Story Theme: “What I Love About...”

Saturday February 18, 2023, 10:30 am Third
Sat. Meeting
Hybrid* meeting at Woodneath AND on Zoom

Thursday March 2, 2023, 7:00 pm First
Thursday Meeting
Hybrid* meeting at Trailside Center AND on
Zoom

Teller Spotlight: **Mary T. Nord**
Story Theme: “If I only Had...”

*Hybrid meetings will be held in-person at:
Trailside Center Woodneath Library Center
99th & Holmes Rd. 8900 NE Flintlock Road
Kansas City, MO Kansas City, MO 64157
64131

If not on RAPS Mailing List,
Contact: RAPS.Secretary@gmail.com for
additional info and Zoom links.

On Mon, Jan 30, 2023 at 5:47 PM Joyce Slater <joyceslater20@gmail.com>
wrote:
Do you have a calendar for February for the newsletter? Joyce

COLORING PAGE

MAKE THIS BIT MIGHTY PRETTY!



GATEWAY

NO SCHEDULE FOR FEB.



[Bringing African Folktales To Life \(Zoom\)](#)

Thu, Feb 9 2023 6:30pm - 8:00pm Central Virtual Branch Story Center
Event **Full (waiting list)**

Join storyteller Brother John to explore the ancient African "Griot" artform.

[EVENT DETAILS REGISTER NOW](#)

HEY, MO-TELL GANG!

THOSE LOVABLE MUCKITY-MUCKS AT
MO-TELL ARE BEGINNING A HISTORY PROJECT.

THEY'RE BEGINNING TO CONTACT CURRENT,
FORMER, AND CHARTER MEMBERS TO "PICK
THEIR BRAINS" FOR INPUT AND IDEAS. YOUR
BRAINS MAY JUST BE THE MOST PICKABLE OF
ALL!

WE NEED YOUR THOUGHTS!

WAIT BY YOUR PHONES, WATCH YOUR MAIL,
CHECK YOUR EMAIL, AND DON'T SEND AWAY THE
WESTERN UNION GUY!

FEBRUARY PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA: TRUE OR FALSE

1. RICHARD NIXON ENDED THE DRAFT.
2. GROVER CLEVELAND SERVED 2 NON-CONSECUTIVE TERMS.
3. ULYSSES S. GRANT WAS THE LAST PRESIDENT TO OWN SLAVES.
4. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER WAS ELECTED TO HIS 2ND TERM AFTER A HEART ATTACK.
5. LYNDON B. JOHNSON WON RE-ELECTION WITH THE WIDEST POPULAR VOTE MARGIN IN AMERICAN HISTORY.
6. JAMES MONROE WAS INJURED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.
7. GERALD R. FORD WORKED AS A MODEL FOR COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE.
8. WILLIAM MCKINLEY WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO CAMPAIGN BY TELEPHONE.
9. HARRY S. TRUMAN OWNED A HABERDASHERY IN KANSAS CITY, MO BUT NEVER EARNED A COLLEGE DEGREE.
10. THE LEGEND OF TECUMSEH'S CURSE IS USED TO DESCRIBE THE DEATHS OF 7 PRESIDENTS AFTER 1840.

BONUS: HARRY TRUMAN WANTED NO PERIOD AFTER THE S IN HIS NAME. HE SAID IT WAS A COMPROMISE.

ALL TRUE!!!! LOOK THEM UP!

NOW THAT YOU'VE FOUND MO-TELL
DON'T LET GO!



NORMALLY, WE'D SAY "DON'T LOOK DOWN" BUT, IN THIS
INSTANCE, THE DETAILS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE BELOW.

**LOOK DOWN &
JOIN UP!**

THE MO-TELL BILL OF FARE

OFTEN IMITATED, NEVER DUPLICATED

MEMBERSHIP DUES

FISCAL YEAR, FEBRUARY 1-JANUARY 31

RENEW TODAY!

<i>MEMBERSHIP</i>	<i>ANNUAL DUES</i>	<i>COMES WITH</i>
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR	\$25	MO-TELL PRESTIGE
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP 2 YEARS	\$40	MO-TELL PRESTIGE
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 1 YEAR	\$35	FAMILY-WIDE MO-TELL PRESTIGE
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 2 YEARS	\$50	TWICE AS MUCH OF THE SAME!!
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP -60	\$250	LOGO BAG <i>PLUS</i> MEMBER'S CHOICE OF ONE: (CAP) (T-SHIRT) (LOGO MUG)
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP 60+	\$200	LOGO BAG <i>PLUS</i> MEMBER'S CHOICE OF ONE: (CAP) (T-SHIRT) (LOGO MUG)

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THE BENEFITS YOU RECEIVE FOR YOUR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

1. MISSOURI STATE PARKS STORYTELLING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE
2. MISSOURI LIAR'S CONTEST
3. WEB SITE PRESENCE FOR STORYTELLERS
4. MONTHLY STORYTELLING PROGRAMS
5. LOADS OF MERCH (HATS, CAPS, CUPS, MUGS, BAGS, AND WHATNOT!)
6. NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK AFFILIATION
7. A WORLD CLASS NEWSLETTER (HUZZAH!)
8. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (AND A VOICE THEREIN!)
9. CONNECTION TO THE OTHER STORYTELLING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE REGION

RENEW TODAY!

Story of the Month

THE BUCK STOPS HERE

In his mail on October 2, 1945, Harry S (or S.) Truman received a sign for his desk. Fred A. Canfil, U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Missouri and Truman's friend, had seen a similar sign on a visit to a reformatory and asked the warden if a sign like it could be made for President Truman. The sign is 2.5"x13", mounted on a walnut base. Made of painted glass, it has "The Buck Stops Here" on one side and "I'm From Missouri" on the reverse side.

The saying "The buck stops here" derives from the expression "Pass the buck," which means passing the responsibility on to another person. "Pass the buck" originates from the game of poker, in which the marker or counter, often in frontier days a knife, most likely a buckhorn-handled knife, was used to tell the person whose turn it was to deal. If the player did not wish to deal, they could pass the responsibility on by passing the "buck" to the next player.

President Truman referred to the desk sign on more than one occasion when making public statements. In an address at the National War College he said, "You know, it's easy for the Monday morning quarterback to say what the coach should have done, after the game is over. But when the decision is up before you—and on my desk I have a motto which says The Buck Stops Here—the decision has to be made." In his farewell address of January 1953, Truman said, "The President—whoever he is—has to decide. He can't pass the buck to anybody..."

The sign has been displayed at the Truman Library in Independence, MO since 1957. The museum is open to the public and has recently finished a massive renovation.



Thanks to the National Archives and to Mitford M. Mathews, ed., *A Dictionary of Americanisms on Historical Principles* for the information!

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Missouri Storytelling, Inc (MO-TELL) is an organization of storytellers and other interested persons dedicated to spreading the joy and art of storytelling throughout Missouri.

MISSION STATEMENT

We envision that every Missourian will hear and share stories and keep the oral tradition alive.

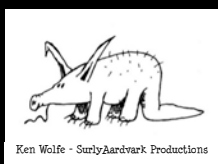
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